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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael E. Brown et al.

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NAMING

HOSTS IN A DISTRIBUTED DATA

PROCESSING SYSTEM

MAIL STOP – AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

A petition extending the period for response is filed herewith.